

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicular bumper structure comprising:
a bumper reinforcement that extends along a vehicle width direction;
~~plural~~ a plurality of load detection sensors disposed at a vehicle body outer side surface of the bumper reinforcement; ~~and~~
a load transmitting plate that is made of resinous material or metal, has predetermined ~~rigidity and rigidity~~, is disposed at vehicle body outer side surfaces of the ~~plural~~ plurality of ~~load detection sensors; sensors, and is configured so as to be displaceable towards the vehicle body rear side with respect to a front wall portion of the bumper reinforcement;~~
a bumper cover provided along a vehicle width direction; and
a bumper absorbing member provided between the load transmitting plate and the bumper cover.
~~wherein the rigidity is such that, when a certain load acts in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle body, the load transmitting plate does not contact a front wall of the bumper reinforcement between adjacent sensors of the load detection sensors.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The vehicular bumper structure of claim 1, wherein the ~~plural~~ plurality of load detection sensors are dispersed and disposed in a vehicle body vertical direction.
3. (Currently Amended) The vehicular bumper structure of claim 1, wherein the ~~plural~~ plurality of load detection sensors are dispersed and disposed in the vehicle width direction, and the load transmitting plate is divided in the vehicle width direction.
- 4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Withdrawn) A collision detection method applicable to a vehicular bumper system of claim 2, the method comprising:

measuring, with plural sensors, loads resulting from at least one occurring impact;

comparing the values of the loads measured by the plural sensors; and

discriminating the at least one collision body on the basis of the result of measurement by the plural sensors.

7. (Withdrawn) A method of switching a vehicular collision body protection device that is installed in the vehicular bumper structure of claim 3, the method comprising:

measuring, with plural sensors, loads resulting from at least one occurring impact;

comparing the values of the loads measured by the plural sensors; and

discriminating an occurrence position of the at least one impact along a widthwise direction of a vehicle on the basis of the result of measurement by the plural sensors.

8-10. (Canceled)